Article - Environment

Section 1-405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Health - General

Section 18-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 18-203 and 18-204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

1-405.

- (a) The Secretary shall investigate:
- (1) The influence of locality, employment, habit, and other conditions on health; and
- (2) The causes of diseases and mortality to the extent that they may relate to environmental factors.
- (b) The Secretary may adopt procedures to obtain information about cancers {that are caused by <u>ENVIRONMENTAL</u> carcinogens and toxic substances} and {about} the incidence of these diseases.
- <u>(c)</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department may provide patient-identifying information for patients treated in this State for cancer to a cancer control agency in another state if:
 - (1) The patient is a resident of the other state;
- (2) The Department determines that the agency will preserve the confidentiality of the information; and
- (3) The other state has authority to provide equivalent information on Maryland residents to this State.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 18-203 of Article Health General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.